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Wing honors 2004 annual award winners

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355th Wing Public Affairs

The 355th Wing held its annual awards banquet Feb. 18 to recognize the outstanding wing 2004 Airmen of the Year.

Recognizing Airmen for their achievements nurtures them by acknowledging the things they have accomplished and the impact they have made throughout the year. In addition, the event honors those who emulate the Air Force core value of "excellence in all we do."

"Tonight we celebrate and honor our best," said Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander to those in attendance at the banquet. "Our warriors have distinguished themselves throughout the year by contributing to our war on terror through exemplary service and dedication."

"The Desert Lightning Wing is proud of the numerous contributions these award winners have made during the last year, but recognize this is a team effort," Colonel Spencer said. "These world-class Airmen could not have reached this achievement in their career without the support and guidance of their commanders, supervisors, coworkers and families. I want to personally thank everyone who played a role in our award winners' success. On behalf of the men and women of D-M, I salute

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Veronica Pierce

Master Sgt. Valerie Kindler, 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron, and Chief Master Sgt. Keith Cobb, 355th Wing command chief, honor prisoners of war and those missing in action at the 355th Wing Annual Awards Banquet Feb. 18. The flag used for the ceremony was flown in Iraq for 100 days.

Maintainers keep aircraft flying during heritage flight

By Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

In one week, Davis-Monthan will host a variety of Air Combat Command and Heritage Flight civilian pilots who will train for the upcoming airshow season.

The Heritage Flight Conference will be March 4 through 6.

"In 2001, D-M became the permanent host base for the (conference)," said Lt. Col. Phil Fluhr, 355th Training Squadron and installation project

officer for the HFC. The reasons are because of the good weather and because D-M has proven in the past how well we can host the event."

During the HFC, all six single-ship ACC Demonstration Teams, two active-duty F-4 pilots, 11 currently certified and approved civilian pilots and one newly selected civilian HF pilot will train to receive certification to fly during the 2005 season.

And while the pilots concentrate on their performance in the sky, another group will also be training during the

weekend to ensure they are equally ready for upcoming airshows.

A big part of the Demo Teams are their maintainers, Colonel Fluhr said. Maintainers put in a lot of long hours arriving at airshows before the pilots and planes land and staying until after they takeoff. Maintainers continuously work hard to make sure the planes get up in the air. The HFC helps them fine tune their skills.

"The Heritage Conference is the only time during the year when each of the six ACC Demo Teams along

with the Heritage Pilots can get together and focus on perfecting many different tasks for the upcoming airshow season," said Staff Sgt. Chad Edwards, 355th Operations Group Assistant NCO in Charge of the West Coast A-10 Demo Team, crew chief and narrator. "To name a few; flying in formation with vintage warbirds for the first time, how to deal with unforeseen problems at show sites, maintenance issues and how to best

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The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base timeline of sorties as of Monday

Squadron	Required	Flown	Annual	Squadron	Required	Flown	Annual
41st ECS	759.4	391.4	2,449.2	162nd OSB	519.1	771.0	2,135.0
43rd ECS	833.5	914.3	2,350.8	354th FS	4,222.3	4,429.8	11,296.5
55th RQS	1,003.9	1,046.7	2,880.0	357th FS	3,210.0	3,062.6	8,966.0
79th RQS	569.5	658.2	1,451.0	358th FS	3,140.0	3,300.1	8,948.0

Air Force releases O-6 list

Congratulations to the following lieutenant colonels who were selected for promotion to colonel:

Philip Andrews, 755th Operations Support Squadron; **Russell James**, 612th Combat Plans Squadron; **Thomas Feldhausen**, 355th Operations Support Squadron; **Robert MacDonald**, 55th Electronic Combat Group



Photo by Airman 1st Class Veronica Pierce

Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, gives 1st Lt. Andrew Slaughter, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, a medal for the 2004 Wing Annual Awards for the Company Grade Officer category.

One-way lanes

Comment: Can the base post traffic signs at the Base Exchange and Commissary parking lot preventing people from driving the wrong way on the one-way lanes?

Response: Traffic engineers inspected these two parking lots Dec. 8, 2004. The reports received provided safety recommendations, which were submitted to the base Traffic Safety Board soon after.

Both sites are top priority for safety improvements in our total installation stewardship plans. We will improve the signage as part of these improvements.

The BX parking lot is not complete yet, but it also will have the appropriate markings and signs once the project is complete. Once the BX construction is complete, we will have a better understanding of the traffic patterns for the Craycroft Road area. This will allow us to determine the best traffic patterns for both the BX and Commissary parking lots.

In the meantime, the 355th Mission Support Group will paint the crosswalks to make them more visible for major pedestrian crossings and create two additional handicap parking spots for the D-M community.

Thank you for your concern for safety around the base. Please watch for new signs being posted.

Outside track — phones, water

Comment: The track is used frequently by individuals as well as by units participating in group training. Being outside, in between parking lots and away from any immediate buildings, is it possible to get an emergency phone put out at the track in case a medical emergency arises? In addition, the water jugs on the track have been empty and there are no cups. Who is responsible for maintaining the water jugs?

Response: We appreciate your concern for the safety of personnel on the outdoor track. At your suggestion, the 355th Communications Squadron will install an emergency phone at the track.

This phone will have a direct line to 911 responders to report any emergencies and to receive help quickly.

In reference to water at the track, there is a

water fountain available on the north end of the track.

Coolers are maintained during the summer months as the water fountain does not have the ability to cool the water. During the cooler months, the water fountain is the main source for water on the track. However, we will ensure that the water in the jugs are checked daily.

I am excited that physical fitness has gained traction in the Air Force. Combat capability is directly affected by the war fighter's physical health and our goal is to support any way we can.

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a goal for all D-M people. Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements. The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to contact the agency chief or functional managers listed here. Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is 228-4747. An e-mail can also be sent to: 355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil. Callers must leave their name, phone number and a message. They will receive a prompt reply in writing or by telephone. We will honor caller confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If a concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous calls may not be published.

Agency numbers

AAFES Agencies.....	228-3904	Inspector General.....	228-3558
Accounting and Finance.....	228-4964	Legal.....	228-6432
Chaplain.....	228-5411	Lodging.....	228-4845
Civil Engineering.....	228-3401	Military and Civilian Equal	
Clinic.....	228-2930	Opportunity Office.....	228-5509
Commissary.....	228-3116	Military Personnel.....	228-5689
Family Support.....	228-5690	Public Affairs.....	228-3204
Fitness and Sports Center.....	228-0022	Security Forces.....	228-6178
Haefner Fitness Center.....	228-3714	Services.....	228-5596
Housing Office.....	228-3687	Transportation.....	228-3584



Photo by Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

Team D-M Mission Spotlight

The 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron members perform on- and off-equipment inspection on A/OA-10, EC-130H, HC-130P and HH-60E aircraft. The 355th EMS maintains aerospace ground equipment, life support equipment, GAU-8 30-millimeter gun systems and aircraft weapons release systems. 355th EMS personnel also provide nondestructive inspection, fabrication of aircraft components, corrosion control support and stores, maintains and transports munitions stockpile.

Staff Sgt. Brian Pruett, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, prepares a pararescue parachute for packing.



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Construction

Base theater to receive updated look, repairs

By Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

Tuesday, the Davis-Monthan Theater will temporarily stop showing movies while the theater receives a facelift. The project is part of the overall primera vista construction upgrades being conducted at the conference center.

The project is currently under design and construction is scheduled to begin March 15, said Pete Bowden, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron project manager and base architect.

During the majority of construction, the theater/auditorium portion will remain open for unit and squadron briefings. However, from May 11 through June 21, squadron functions will need to be held at alternative locations while the fire sprinkler piping is installed.

The entire project is scheduled to be completed in September.

"Interior construction includes renovations and expansion of the lobby, new and larger men's and women's restrooms, a new concession area and the installation of a fire sprinkler system," Mr. Bowden said. "Exterior modifications include the addition of a covered arcade on the north and west sides near the lobby, a sidewalk with night lighting between

the theater entrance and Jeddito Street, four VIP parking spaces at Jeddito Street, additional landscaping and ramps for handicap accessibility."

Last April the theater, which seats more than 530 people, received other improvements including new paint, new seating, flooring and movie screen.

In combination with the construction in the spring, the most recent updates will provide Airmen with an up-to-date facility and a safe place to meet.

"The interior and exterior improvements will present a more attractive appearance for base personnel as well as visiting dignitaries," Mr. Bowden said. "The construction will (also) improve morale by providing convenient concessions (and a new) lobby and restroom area. Renovations will improve the overall appearance of the facility, and the new fire sprinkler system will provide a safer environment for large gatherings."

Despite the renovations, the prices of the movies are scheduled to remain the same for the Davis-Monthan community.

"There are no plans to increase the price of admission for the movies," said Frances Pientack, 355th Services Squadron marketing. "Admission prices are set by the Army and Air Force Exchange

Services region vice-president but controlled by price surveys done on competitive theaters in the local community."

Admission into the theater is for military ID cardholders and their guests only. The cost for adults is \$3. Except for special matinees for children, the cost for youth ages 6 to 11 years is \$1.50 and for children less than 6 years is free. Those over the age of 65 pay \$1.50.

When it reopens in September, personnel can also expect the same type of new releases they currently enjoy at the D-M Theater.

"The selection of movies shown is determined by agreement among the AAFES headquarters-film, military regulations and the film industry," Mrs. Pientack said. "New releases are coming to the military theaters much sooner than in the past. At one time, a film might be on the local market for two to three months before being shown on base, but that has now decreased to approximately six weeks or less, depending on how well the movie has done (at the box office)."

In addition, the theater plans to host the occasional sneak preview of new releases before they are released to the general public.

Edwards said. "The chance to be able to showcase your talents and your expertise while promoting good community relations for the U.S. Air Force is a great way to represent your country and its proud servicemen and women."

According to Sergeant Edwards, Demo Team maintainers have to be prepared to use their skills for more than just airshows.

"Whether it is wartime training or normal operations, our mission objectives are the same," Sergeant Edwards said. "We have to be ready to deploy just like everybody else, so we stay current on all of the same training tasks. However, we are more visible to the public with the team, so we also have to add in public speaking engagements, visiting hospitals and schools, radio talk shows, anything that will enable us to tell the public what our A-10 can do for them and what our jobs mean to us."

HFC

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remedy them before the airshow season starts, media training for new members of the ACC Demo Teams and a chance for teams to work out any last minute kinks they might have."

While maintainers plan to use the HFC to work out any maintenance issues, they also use the weekend to train to showcase their skills to more than the pilots who will fly the aircraft.

"Being a maintainer for a Demo Team, we have the added challenge of training to showcase our talents for 32 million people around the world each year," Sergeant Edwards said.

"It is a great honor to represent your peers, your job and your base around the country," Sergeant

News Notes

Scholarship deadlines

The D-M Officers' and Enlisted Spouses Associations scholarship applications must be postmarked by Monday. Applications are available at the base education office, family support center, community center and child development centers. For information, e-mail dawnish2@aol.com. Military Officers Association of America scholarship applications must be submitted by Tuesday. For more information about this scholarship, or to get an application, visit www.moaa.org.

Power outages Saturday

An electronic power utility outage is scheduled for Saturday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The outage affects the following Buildings: 1027, 1226, 1358, 1440, 1446, 1447, 1541, 1542, 1550, 1630, 1631 and 1740. The outage is required for the installation of a new power pole on First Street, near Comanche Street.

TRICARE information booth

A TRICARE information table will be set up in the Commissary Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Representatives of the 355th Medical Group's TRICARE Flight and the TRICARE Service Center will be in attendance to answer questions and hand out informational materials.

Finance closure

The finance office will close March 4 at noon due to a squadron function. In case of an emergency, contact Master Sgt. Scott Dougan at 981-0502.

Swan Road Gate closure

Swan Road Gate is closed for construction. The gate is scheduled to reopen in March.

Commander's access channel

The commander's access channel will move from Cox channel 74 to 22 March 28.

Appearances, speeches

Military and civilian personnel are authorized and encouraged to make public appearances and speak to audiences unfamiliar with the Air Force. When asked to speak about the Air Force or individual jobs, contact the 355th Wing Public Affairs Office for further guidance. For more on the Base Speakers Bureau, contact Janie McLaury at 228-5091.

Terrorism history

Feb. 27, 1980, guerillas of the April 19 Movement seized the Dominican embassy on Bogota, holding diplomatic personnel from a number of countries, including the U.S. ambassador, as hostages.

98 Airmen were saved from the consequences of driving under the influence by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31.

Call AADD at
850-2233

10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. to midnight Sundays for a ride.

BASH team strives to maintain safe airspace

Story and photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle
355th Wing Public Affairs

As the sun peeks slowly over the horizon, many Airmen at Davis-Monthan are getting ready to start their duty day, while other Airmen are not even awake yet.

During this time Staff Sgt. Lenny Ambrosio, 355th Wing Safety Flight, usually scouts the flightline for wildlife as a part of the D-M's Bird-Aircraft Strike Hazard program.

"The program is designed to identify bird and wildlife hazards associated with flying operations," Sergeant Ambrosio said. "As Flight Safety noncommissioned officer for the wing, I am the program manager and it's my job to keep the skies clear around D-M."

The program is designed to save lives.

"The Air Force lost not only an E-3 (Airborne Warning and Control Systems) asset, but 24 fellow Airmen due to geese in Alaska in 1995," Sergeant Ambrosio said. Bird strikes cost the Air Force an average of \$32 million every year in damages.

The Air Force has implemented several programs to help ensure proper safety measures are in place.

"There are several ways to keep animals in check," Sergeant Ambrosio continued. "We work closely with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department, the base environmentalist as well as civil engineering. Keeping the airfield unattractive to wildlife is a tedious job and that's where I call on these experts."

Air Traffic Control also plays a role in BASH.

"Air traffic control is constantly working with the supervisor of flying, air field management and flight safety to minimize the possible damage caused by our bird population," said Senior Mas-



Staff Sgt. Lenny Ambrosio, 355th Wing Safety Flight, inspects equipment prior to beginning his day. Sergeant Ambrosio is responsible for limiting the number of birds and animals on the Davis-Monthan flightline.

ter Sgt. Michael Ferman, 355th Operational Support Squadron chief air traffic controller.

The 355th Civil Engineering Squadron and base environmentalists also play a major role by controlling water accumulations, providing barriers on

the bottoms of fences and mowing grass, Sergeant Ambrosio said.

"Flight safety uses other methods of dispersal as well," Sergeant Ambrosio said. "Non-lethal means such as dispersing bird accumulations with pyrotechnics are used on a daily basis. On occasion, even man's best friend has been used to harass the birds."

Harming the wildlife is always used as a last resort.

"Shotguns are used to remove heavy concentrations of birds and coyotes, which is an approved method through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department," Sergeant Ambrosio said.

D-M is home to many types of animals, Sergeant Ambrosio said. Javelina; many species of predatory birds such as hawks, falcons and owls; and smaller migratory birds can also be found on base.

"The amount of depredating we do is minimal (when compared to the population of animals in and around D-M)," Sergeant Ambrosio said.

The Air Force also has helped remedy the bird strike problem in other ways.

"The Air Force has created the Avian Hazard Awareness System that gives aircrews up-to-date bird-strike threat data all over North America," Sergeant Ambrosio said. "This data is used to increase aircrew awareness of the threat of a potential bird strike hazard when flying day or night."

"Once we know what type of bird it is we can develop tactics to remove the concentrations creating the hazard, Sergeant Ambrosio said.

"It's a constant battle but one that can be controlled by persistence and constant changes needed to keep the wildlife here at D-M at bay," Sergeant Ambrosio said.

Law requires children under 8 to use booster seats

By Senior Airman
Brandy Dupper-Macy
355th Wing Public Affairs

"I was told by one parent who would not accept a free booster from me that (his) daughter sits in the rear center of his extra cab pick-up and if anything happens to her (they) would all be dead anyway," said Peter Delillo, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron fire prevention inspector. This assumption on the part of the parent is not true. An improperly worn seat belt can cause damage even in a low speed incident when others fitted properly are not injured. Do not take the chance. The odds are stacked against the child.

"In Arizona the law states children under the age of 5 must be in a safety seat," Mr. Delillo said. "A new bill adds that children 5 to 8 years old must be in a belt positioning booster seat. As a rule of thumb, children less than 80 pounds should be in a booster seat, the overall fitting of the belts is the determining factor for the older chil-

"No child should suffer because their parents or care givers made a bad choice."

Peter Delillo

355th Civil Engineer Squadron fire prevention inspector

dren. I have fitted 11 and 12 year olds in boosters because of their size. The Base Fire Department has the ability to properly fit children."

Though the new regulations may come as a surprise, statistics reveal the importance of proper restraints.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Web site www.nhtsa.dot.gov, motor vehicle crashes are the number one killer of children ages 2 to 14 years.

But children ages 4 through 8 years who use booster seats and safety belts are 59 percent less likely to be injured in a car crash than children who are restrained only by a safety belt.

"Booster seats make the ride more comfortable, it positions the belt off the neck and allows the child to see better when they are traveling," Mr. Delillo said. Keeping the program in mind will help develop and nurture Airmen and may instill a safety mindset in their children.

The 355th CES has given away close to 300 booster seats in the last four months and has a limited supply left, Mr. Delillo said. Contact the base fire department at 228-4757 to make the arrangements for a fitting and a booster seat.

"We can all help by ensuring that our children are properly seated every time we transport them in a ve-

hicle," Mr. Delillo said. "Anyone in Arizona can report an unrestrained child in a vehicle by calling (800) 505-BABY. This is a program set up through the Governor's Council for Highway Safety. This program is not a tattle-tale program; it gives the individual the opportunity to attend a class and gain the proper safety seat for their need."

The fire department also offers free car seats for children under the age of 4 years.

"Individuals needing regular car seats can contact me at 228-4333 and I can put them together with a program that will get them the needed seats," Mr. Delillo said.

"We owe it to our children to give them every opportunity for a healthy productive life," Mr. Delillo said. "No child should suffer because their parents or care givers made a bad choice. Auto accidents are the number one killer of our children. Something as simple as a booster seat can make an incredible impact on these numbers."

HIGHER EDUCATION

Setting goals to achieve a college degree

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore
355th Wing Public Affairs

Personnel at the Base Training and Education Services office are on hand to help the Desert Lightning Community achieve their educational goals.

"My advice to our First Term Airmen is; no matter what your career goal is always complete as much education as you can," said Phil King BTES flight chief. "I know some career fields make it hard to go to school and with deployments it adds to the difficulty. But the following saying is true: 'Where there is a will there is a way.'"

When working on a degree plan, students should set goals based on their time demands.

"As a former Air Force enlisted member, it took me six years of nights and weekends in between temporary duty assignments and a remote tour before I completed my bachelor's degree," Mr. King said. As an officer it took two years to complete a master's degree with a duty schedule of more than 60 hours a week.

A realistic goal is to achieve an associate's degree by E-5, Mr. King said. It certainly is possible to achieve an associate's degree by E-4 if an individual has previously attended college, but new Airmen have high demands on their time.

More often than not, the Community College of the Air Force degree may prove the fastest degree to achieve.

"The CCAF degree is one of the easiest degrees to obtain since CCAF provides credit for applicable technical training, professional military education, leadership, general education and physical education," Mr. King said. In fact, a military member can be working on any other degree and finish the CCAF at the same time effectively earning two degrees with one effort.

"Without looking at their records, most Airmen have between 20 to 30 credits towards their CCAF degree," Mr. King said. "This is due to their attendance at technical school and basic training."

The CCAF requires 64 credit hours, said Nora White, BTES educational counselor. The credits break down into 24 technical training hours; four physical education hours, which are fulfilled during basic training; six leadership, management and military science hours, which may be covered by attendance of PME courses; 15 general education hours such as math, humanities and speech; and 15 program elective hours.

This may seem like a lot of work however, students should remember many of these credits are received by just completing their technical training school, Ms. White said.

Credits awarded through CCAF are transferable.

The CCAF degree is an associate's degree given by an accredited institution within an Airman's field of expertise, Mrs. White said. "This associate's degree gives you college credit which can be transferred to any accredited university."

"As you make the military a career, you can easily get additional associates degrees with each subsequent (Air Force Specialty Code) you receive," Mrs. White said. "This looks good for promotion, awards, etc. In addition, this is a valuable stepping stone towards your bachelors (degree)."

As a general guide, those scheduling an initial CCAF meeting should bring transcripts or a print out of courses they have already completed.

The BTES office walk-in services are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for general questions and assistance. Walk-in hours for CCAF assistance are Monday through Friday from 8 to 10 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. For complex or time consuming issues, appointments can be scheduled by calling 228-3813.

For additional information on educational opportunities, visit the BTES homepage at www.dm.af.mil/educate.

(Editor's note: This article is part one of a three part series focusing on the base education and training services office.)

CRIME & Punishment

The following are some of the incidents the 355th Security Forces Squadron handled from Feb. 4 through Feb. 17. If you have any information concerning any of these incidents, contact the Security Forces Control Center at 228-3200 or your first sergeant.

Patrol response: child neglect

A staff sergeant was cited for child neglect. While the sergeant visited an installation office, she left her dependent children in an unattended vehicle.

Patrol response: domestic disturbance

A master sergeant reported a domestic disturbance with his stepson. Investigation revealed the stepson was being disciplined for verbally assaulting a neighbor child. During the conversation with the stepson, the sergeant was verbally assaulted and threatened by the stepson. The Tucson Police Department was contacted and removed the stepson from the residence.

A staff sergeant notified the Security Forces Control Center that he and his dependent spouse were involved in a domestic disturbance. The altercation started at an off-base establishment. Upon their return to their residence the verbal dispute escalated and resulted in damage to government quarters.

A dependent spouse of an airman first class reported she was involved in a domestic disturbance

with her spouse. Investigation revealed the couple was involved in a verbal altercation which resulted in physical abuse. The TPD was contacted and removed the airman from the residence. The TPD transported him to Pima County Detention Center.

Patrol response: found

A staff sergeant from the 355th Wing found two .17-cal. rounds within the smoking area outside of Building 2300. The ammunition was secured by security forces and placed in their armory. Investigation is continuing.

Patrol response: POV damage

A captain from 12th Air Force reported damage to his personally owned vehicle. Investigation revealed the vehicle's rear window was cut while it was parked at the fitness center. Investigation is on-going.

An airman first class from the 355th Operations Support Squadron reported damage to her POV. Investigation revealed the vehicle appeared to have been struck by another vehicle while parked at the fitness center. Damage consisted of a dent in the front driver's side quarter panel and the front bumper was separated from the vehicle.

Patrol response: theft

A retired Navy dependent reported the license plate from her vehicle was stolen while it was

parked at the resale lot adjacent to the Home and Garden Center.

Civilian: driving while under the influence

An unauthorized civilian attempted to enter the installation through Craycroft Road Gate. Security forces and civilian guards stopped the subject and noticed a strong odor of alcohol. The TPD was contacted. Upon TPD's arrival, the subject became belligerent and had to be physically restrained. The subject was arrested and transported to Pima County Detention Center.

DUI, underage drinking

Two underage airmen were stopped at Craycroft Road Gate during a random vehicle inspection. During the RVI, security forces members found an alcoholic beverage in the vehicle and both members smelled of alcohol. Both were detained and transported to SFCC for processing.

Theft of private property: secured

A senior airman from the 355th EMS reported her car stereo was stolen while her vehicle was parked at the commissary. Initial investigation revealed the vehicle was secured and there was no apparent damage to the vehicle.

Disrespect, failure to obey

During a traffic stop for a suspected DUI an airman first class was detained for failure to obey and disrespect to a posted sentry.

Airmen improve quality of life for others

By Staff Sgt. J. Russell Martin

376th Aerospace Expeditionary Wing
Public Affairs

More than 100 children at a local orphanage saw the completion of efforts by Air Force members to improve their lives.

For the past three months, the Airmen of Manas Air Base and the U.S. Embassy in Kyrgyzstan spent time helping renovate the Voenno Antonovka Orphanage on the outskirts of Bishkek.

Airmen of the 376th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron and Expeditionary Contracting Flight visited the orphanage once a week to inspect and coordinate construction.

"The project dealt with all the sleeping, eating and bathing areas of the main building," said Master Sgt. Darnell Flowers, deployed from the 355th Contracting Squadron at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. "We replaced the entire gym floor. We repainted the walls, replaced windows and repaired the electrical work. Also, new tile was installed in the main kitchen area."

The total project cost was approximately \$176,000.

During the two years it took the



Courtesy photo

Master Sgt. Darnell Flowers, 376th Expeditionary Contracting Squadron deployed from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, is mobbed by orphanage children anxious to meet him. Sergeant Flowers helped coordinate renovations for their orphanage.

U.S. Department of Defense to organize, finance and ultimately complete the project, the base has gone through changes, thus the way the base handled business had to be changed.

"Two years ago, we were able to move more freely and come down to

check on the projects more frequently, be more involved," Sergeant Flowers said. "Due to our force protection posture we've had limited access to the site during the construction. So we've had to rely heavily on contractors to meet the required specifications."

Even as the Air Expeditionary

Force rotation has moved Airmen in and out of Manas Air Base, the orphanage's needs were never neglected as the project passed from coordinator to coordinator. One Airman deployed to Manas Air Base two years ago when the project was still in the planning and "what-if" stages, returned as part of AEF 3 and 4.

"I was here in November of 2002 when the orphanage was in its infant stage and just a thought," said Capt. Trevor Williams, 376th Aerospace Expeditionary Wing Comptroller deployed from Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. "So many times in the expeditionary environment we see the start of a project but never see the end. To be able to come back to Manas and coincidentally see the finished product is awesome."

But according to Maj. Michael Collier, U.S. Embassy cooperation officer, there are still some plans to improve the quality of life for the children of the orphanage just a little bit more.

"There are some funds left over," Major Collier said. "We want to buy furniture for this orphanage. And currently we are completing reconstruction of the Kindergarten in Vinogradanoye Village."

Finance begins transformation to improve customer service

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore

355th Wing Public Affairs

The Air Force financial management community formally kicked off the operational phase of its transformation effort at a conference in San Antonio.

The conference highlighted the "six lanes" of financial transformation planned for the service in the next decade, which emphasized customer service, said Michael Montelongo, assistant secretary of the Air Force for financial management and comptroller.

The six lanes of transformation are:

- ◆ Restructuring financial services,
- ◆ Enhancing resource adviser positions,
- ◆ Developing a cost analysis center of expertise,
- ◆ Enhancing support to warfighters,
- ◆ Restructuring Air Staff-level budget processes and
- ◆ Developing a training mechanism to support the transformation effort.

Overall the Air Force Financial Management Transformation Program is designed to improve customer service and support provided to commanders, said Maj. Cynthia Lesinski, 355th Comptroller Squadron commander. "By introducing new business processes and technology solutions financial managers will reallocate time from manual transaction-based activities to increase support for commanders."

Financial service is the transformation area, which Airmen are the most familiar with. Financial service technicians handle transactions such as filing travel vouchers, adjusting allotments and correcting pay problems.

"If you leave base housing, a form is taken to finance (specialists) so they can start your basic allowance for housing," said Roger Bick, director of financial management strategic planning and transformation. "We want to systemically evolve those processes. Instead, housing (officials) could put a code into a computer when you leave, and then a form wouldn't be hand carried anywhere."

Relationships between the finance office and other Air Force communities are also ripe for development, Mr. Bick said.

"You may go into (the finance office) because you are short \$100 in your paycheck," he said. "They'll tell you it's because the personnel system didn't do 'X' — perhaps they did not start your entitlement. You say 'thank you' and go to personnel. You stand in the personnel line, and they tell you to check with finance. Such a runaround is not uncommon."

"It happens to a whole lot of people," he said. Often offices do not cross-correlate with each other to best serve the customer.

Streamlining shop-to-shop processes and transactions is only part of the solution, Mr. Bick said. Also on the agenda is the development of finance

call centers where Airmen can ask questions and get most of their financial issues resolved. Those call centers would be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"There will be a continued shift from members visiting the finance office to taking care of financial matters via the Web using systems such as the Defense Travel System, myPay and virtual MPF," Major Lesinski said.

"In the next three to four years, financial services will be conducted in a three tier escalation process," Major Lesinski said. "The first tier will account for 80 percent of all transactions and inquires via the internet. The second tier will account for approximately 15 percent of the transactions and inquires, these will be issues and questions or transactions that cannot be resolved or processed online and will be accomplished by calling the central contact enter. The third tier is face-to-face customer service for the five percent of members who cannot resolve their issues via Web or the contact office."

What does this mean to members of D-M?

"Most likely we will lose our capability to process transactions and we will act as a liaison to resolve pay effecting issues," Major Lesinski said. D-M will most likely start losing comptroller Airmen in the next three to four years.

Systems take time to evolve, but there is a commitment to achieving a common goal, Mr. Bick said.

(Information courtesy of Air Force News Service.)



Photo by Staff Sgt. Matthew Lohr

Maintaining the perimeter

Airman 1st Class James Park, 506th Expeditionary Security Forces, peers through his binoculars into the city of Kirkuk during the elections. Airman Park is deployed to Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq from Davis-Monthan.

Award

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tonight's annual award winners for their tireless dedication and faithful service to the Air Force and our great nation. Congratulations on your outstanding accomplishment."

"It's a privilege to represent the wing," said 1st Lt. Andrew Slaughter, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, of his award. "The recognition belongs to the entire munitions flight because it was a collective effort, both at home and abroad that made this possible."

The presentation of the awards was preceded by a social hour, several visual presentations and a prisoner of war and missing in action dedication.

After the winners in each category were announced, Colonel Spencer had words for all the nominees.

The Desert Lightning Team, with 6,400 people, was represented by this evening's award winners who crossed this stage tonight, Colonel Spencer said. "When you look at the four pillars, (and) what we've done, it's nothing short of extraordinary. Thank you for what you do; please keep on doing it."

The following Airmen were recog-

nized as 355th Wing outstanding performers during 2004:

Company Grade Officer of the Year:

1st Lieutenant Andrew Slaughter, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year:

Senior Master Sgt. Anthony Smith, 355th Civil Engineering Squadron

Noncommissioned Officer of the Year:

Tech. Sgt. Paul Walker, 355th Operation Support Squadron

Airman of the Year:

Senior Airman Covito Redman, 355th Medical Support Squadron

First Sergeant of the Year:

Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Canter, 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Senior Civilian of the Year:

Gerald Grimes, 355th Contracting Squadron

Intermediate Civilian of the Year:

Darren Felish, 355th CES

Junior Civilian of the Year:

Jeffery Roseberry, 355th Comptroller Squadron

Honor Guardsman of the Year:

Staff Sgt. Terry Grimes, 612th Air Intelligence Squadron

Entrepreneurial spirit

Air Force helps small businesses succeed

By Joanne Squire

355th Contracting Squadron

Small businesses enable us to accomplish many of the goals we set not only as an Air Force, but as a country.

The small and disadvantaged business program has a long history that has evolved over the last 60 years. Federal small business programs have been in existence since 1942, mainly due to the realization that small businesses were necessary to win World War II.

Congress concluded they had to help small businesses thrive. Later in 1947, Congress declared the policy that a fair proportion of federal purchases and contracts be placed with small business concerns. The intent was to continue in peacetime the policy they enacted during war. From that point in history, the leaders of the country had the forethought to understand that with the growth of industry and to strengthen the American way of life, small business had to survive.

The program covers several categories of small business. Along with the primary small business goal, we have coordinating goals for disadvantaged, women-owned, historically underutilized (generally areas with high unemployment), service disabled veteran and veteran-owned businesses.

To give you an idea of the effect this has on Davis-Monthan, our goal for small business was 61 percent of the total dollars that are eligible for small business awards. For fiscal 2004, D-M achieved 78 percent equating to \$53 million in awards to small businesses.

How did you play a role in this huge success?

Through preplanning, market research and talking to us early in your planning process. All

“Examples of projects and services being performed by small business on D-M includes, refuse collection, grounds maintenance, psychology services, installation of sunshades, transient alert services, family housing maintenance, security system, renovation of The Mirage Officers’ Club and many of the products you use every day.”

Joanne Squire
355th Contracting Squadron

of these actions helped us find great small business sources for you.

How can you continue to help D-M and the Air Force strengthen our contribution to the small business community? Continue to involve us in preplanning, market research and be willing to discuss options. Another key way that you can help is with your participation and attendance at the Southern Arizona Procurement Fair. The event is held each year as an initiative within our small business plan to provide community outreach and service. The event will be held at the Pima Air and Space Museum April 8 from 8 a.m. to noon.

There will be more than 130 government service and purchasing organizations, small businesses and large businesses showing what they can offer to the southern Arizona small business community. We encourage anyone in

your organization who plans, determines needs of the squadron, Government Purchase Cardholders and other base personnel to attend. In addition, if you would like to be involved in manning a booth representing the D-M community, please do not hesitate to ask. We encourage both participation by organizations to spend time manning a booth as well as visiting more than 100 booths. The community support and public relations go beyond the unique item or service you may find there.

It will open your eyes to the possibilities of the services and items that small businesses can provide that meet or exceed your expectations.

The majority of services, commodities or construction acquired through small businesses relate directly to our four pillars: installation stewardship, preparing to deploy, fight when called, and developing and nurturing Airmen.

Many of the buildings we work in were built or maintained by small businesses. The majority of the items you use day to day were either invented by small business, manufactured by small business or sold by small business.

Examples of projects and services being performed by small business on D-M includes refuse collection, grounds maintenance, psychology services, installation of sunshades, transient alert services, family housing maintenance, security system, renovation of The Mirage Officers’ Club and many of the products you use every day.

If you would like to know more about the program or how your efforts can help, call the small business specialist of the 355th Contracting Squadron at 228-3131 or visit the homepage at www.dm.af.mil/355Cons2/ for more information on the small business program or the 6th Annual Southern Arizona Procurement Fair.

Final Answer ————— What is your job and how does it contribute to the Air Force's mission?



**Staff Sgt.
Christa Yazzie**
355th Logistics
Readiness Squadron

"I am a household goods counselor at the 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron. We ensure members have a smooth transition to their next assignment."



**2nd Lt.
Mary Garavelli**
355th Mission
Support Squadron

"I work in personnel. We're responsible for having the right people in the right place at the right time, among other things."



**Staff Sgt.
Sean Hinnencamp**
355th Equipment
Maintenance Squadron

"I am a survival equipment journeyman. I do maintenance on parachutes for EC-130s, C-130s and A-10s to make sure pilots can complete their missions."



**Tech. Sgt.
Patrick Cunningham**
355th Communication
Squadron

"I'm an inventory management specialist in supply. We are responsible for providing critical assets for communication equipment and we supply support to communication personnel."



Tech. Sgt. Robin Maslow
43rd Electronic Combat
Squadron

"I am a life support technician. We ensure the safety of all aircrew members flying."



**Staff Sgt.
JoEllen Maslow**
940th Communication
Flight

"I work the communications help desk. We facilitate the needs of people all across the base."

An opportunity to share personal deployed Air Force stories with Davis-Monthan Air Force Base

Airmen interested in sharing personal deployed stories should contact the *Desert Airman* staff at desert.airman@dm.af.mil or 228-3091.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore

Free for the taking

Airman Pierre Lemieux, 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron, browses through clothes available to him at no cost in the Airman's Attic. Airman's Attic accepts donations from spoons to stoves to clothes for babies and adults. Airman's Attic is run by volunteers. For more information, call 228-4098.

18 Airmen reach CDC 90s Club

Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle
355th Wing Public Affairs

Congratulations to the following Airmen from Davis-Monthan who completed their Career Development Course exams.

Most enlisted career fields in the Air Force have several volumes of material that are required to be studied and passed for career level advancement. These Airmen went above and beyond and received a score of 90 or better during the month of January.

25th Operational Weather Squadron: Airman Robyn Perkins, Airman 1st Class Alicia Sparks and Tech. Sgt. Michael Vandenburg;
355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron: Staff Sgt. James Valez;
355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron: Staff Sgt. Scott Chalmers, Senior Airman Amber

Korsmo, Staff Sgt. Casey Ross and Airman 1st Class Nicholas White;
355th Civil Engineering Squadron: Airman 1st Class Anthony Benedict and Airman 1st Class Jeffrey Thomas;
355th Communication Squadron: Airman 1st Class Sergio Victor;
355th Component Maintenance Squadron: Senior Airman John Comeens;
355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron: Airman 1st Class Christopher Judge;
355th Logistics Readiness Squadron: Airman 1st Class Thuthu Aye and Airman Pierre Lemieux;
355th Services Squadron: Airman 1st Class Nicolas Paulino;
41st Electronic Combat Squadron: Senior Airman Anthony Robbins and
612th Air Intelligence Squadron: Airman 1st Class Jeffrey Wasson.





Sonoran Spotlight

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member — officer, enlisted or civilian — of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.)

This week's Sonoran Spotlight is Staff Sgt. Raymond Briggs of the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron. Sergeant Briggs is a heating, ventilation and air conditioning craftsman. According to Chief Master Sgt. Edmond Lubbers, he was nominated for the spotlight because he is, "simply a great NCO, family man and prior service Army. He always goes above and beyond the call of duty. Although not always the ranking person, he always ends up the leader because of his compassion and drive to accomplish the mission."

The following are Sergeant Briggs's responses to a variety of questions.

Best aspects of the job: The challenges that come with electrical troubleshooting.

Career goals: My goal is to retire and start my own HVAC business.

Hobbies, outside activities: I enjoy taking my jet ski to the lake with family and friends, staying in shape and lifting weights.

What has been your best assignment and why: Schofield Barracks, Hawaii because I love the ocean and water sports.

What is the best advice you've received in the Air Force? Keep your head up, and be patient because your pay problems will straighten themselves out.



Photo by Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

Your most memorable moment in the Air Force? Getting orders to Tokyo, Japan which allowed me to spend time with my wife's family was a memorable moment.

Name someone who inspires you (or who you admire): My cousin, Army Sgt. Major (Ret.) Jim Davis

AADD seeks volunteers

By Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle
355th Wing Public Affairs

Airmen Against Drunk Driving is currently looking for volunteers to work as drivers and coordinators.

The AADD program is important, because according to base leadership, the number of alcohol related incidents on base was reduced by half since November 2004, said Airman 1st Class Brenda McClain, AADD secretary and scheduler.

Due to the overwhelming success of the program, there is a need for more volunteers.

Shifts are available Friday and Saturday from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. and Sunday from 4 p.m. to midnight. Drivers will pick up

Airmen from drinking establishments and will take them

directly home. Drivers are prohibited from taking callers to other bars, parties or clubs.

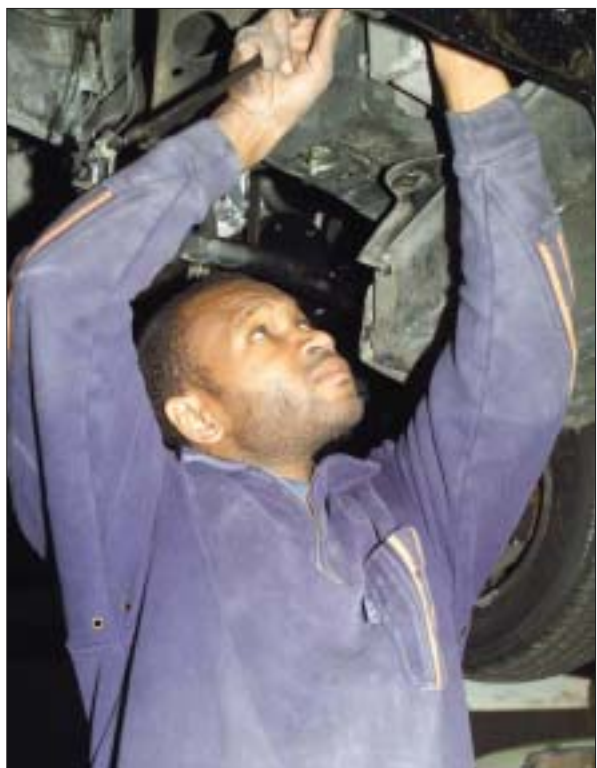


For more information, or to volunteer, e-mail Airman McClain at Brenda.mcclain@dm.af.mil or call 850-AADD.



Staff Sgt. Raymond Briggs from the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron prepares to lift his truck to install a four inch lift kit at the D-M Auto Skills Development Center.

Airmen sharpen skills at auto center



Story and photos by Senior Airman
Brandy Dupper-Macy
355th Wing Public Affairs

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base has a place where broken cars are made better.

The D-M Auto Skills Development Center offers Airmen a safe and affordable place to work on their cars.

Some people work on broken cars while others work on improving their vehicles.

People can work on their own cars, which can help them save money, said Wayne Wallace, 355th Services Squadron Auto Skills assistant manager.

For those who do not know much about cars, help is available.

"We offer classes on basic automotive skills, welding and painting cars," Mr. Wallace said. "If you want to learn how to change your oil, I will show you how."

"We have contract workers with reduced rates also available to help," Mr. Wallace said. "If we are unavailable to help, we can help Airmen find a good place to go for that specific specialty in Tucson."

The D-M Auto Skills Development

Staff Sgt. Gernard Prince, 563rd Maintenance Squadron, works on the front bumper of his vehicle at the D-M Auto Skills Development Center.



Airman Kevin Shaffer, 79th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, installs an air compressor into a vehicle at the Skills Development Center.

Center is currently open Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information, on the D-M Auto Skills Development Center, call 228-3614.

An in-depth look at AFSPC

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command
Public Affairs

Across

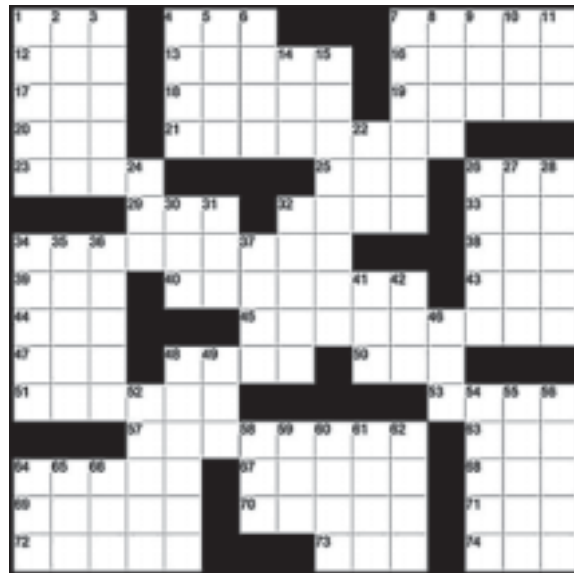
1. Actor Mineo
4. Spy org.
7. AFSPC base
12. Actress Zadora
13. Gelatin
16. Type of angle
17. Compute
18. Large, grassy plains
19. Temporarily
20. Part of a movie film
21. AFSPC base
23. Paradise
25. Round item not for square hole?
26. Pay entitlement during PCS
29. Ancient
32. Japanese town
33. Sprinted
34. AFSPC base
38. Part of DoD
39. 80s band
40. Derive
43. Electricity unit in the

- cm/g scale; forces of interaction
44. Current epidemic
 45. AFSPC base
 47. Of or relating to (suffix)
 48. French military cap
 50. USAF commissioning source
 51. Jungle fruit
 53. Print measurement
 57. AFSPC base
 63. Able
 64. Saying at Hickam AFB?
 67. Increase, as in pay
 68. Enormous
 69. Grisly
 70. Slacken
 71. ___ *Doubtfire*
 72. Plant starters
 73. Explosive combo
 74. Drunkard

Down

1. Mission for AFSPC
2. Helped
3. Kitchen utensil
4. Cow's young
5. Atoll
6. A dog's hand (two words)

7. Art of training and riding horses
8. Image
9. Sister
10. Pharmacy purchase method?
11. Golf prop
14. ___ _ hurry...
15. Army rank
22. Yank opponent
24. Neither's partner
26. More accurate
27. Cowboy's tool
28. Yearly
30. Fib
31. Rep. opponent
32. Alaskan peninsula
34. Colonial India address for European men
35. Asian country
36. Asylum
37. Mend
41. Military org. concerned with HHG
42. GMT -0500
46. Kitchen measurement, in short
48. Mixes into uniform mass
49. Dine



(Solutions for this crossword puzzle are located on Page 24.)

52. Bookworm
54. Peacekeeper and Minute-men
55. African capitol
56. Teen problem?
58. Mistake
59. Norma ___
60. River sand
61. USAF base home to 51st FW
62. Following
64. USAF school for NCOs
65. NBA star Tyrone ___
66. Mining find

Pool tournament provides Airmen alternative for their Friday night

By Stephanie Ritter

355th Wing Public Affairs

Davis-Monthan Airmen can show their pool skills during an 8-Ball pool tournament today.

The tournament, hosted by the Underage Drinking Task Force, will help to develop and nurture Airmen by providing an alternative to the bar scene during their weekend.

"This is an event to give Airmen who are either too young to drink or chose not to drink something fun to do on a Friday night, said Capt. Caronwyn Jones, project officer for the 8-Ball Tournament. "We want Airmen to realize that you can have fun without drinking alcohol."

This concept is something the UDTF is working hard to provide the D-M community.

The UDTF plans to provide activities once a month and throughout the year for the D-M community, said Lt. Col. Cassie Barlow, 355th Mission Support Squadron commander.

In order to increase the popularity of the

events, the task force has reached out to the base to get ideas for activities.

"We have taken Airmen's suggestions on what activities would offer a fun alternative to drinking," Colonel Barlow said.

The pool tournament, which will be held across the base, is intended to provide players with more than an alcohol-free activity for the evening.

"We want our younger Airmen to participate, but would invite all to come and support their troops," Captain Jones said. The more who come to the event the merrier.

"The tournament will be held at the (D-M) Community Center and various dayrooms in the dorms," Captain Jones said. "Individuals and partner teams are welcome to participate. We will set up brackets by drawing names (and) will be following the American Poolplayers Association rules that can be found at www.poolplayers.com/apa_rul.htm.

In addition to the opportunity for a little friendly competition, players also have a chance to win prizes.

"The top individual player will win a well crafted cue-stick," Captain Jones said. "The partner team will win a variety of gift certificates from places on base and a gift certificate to Game Stop."

The tournament will last from 7 p.m. to midnight. Light snacks such as chips, vegetable plates, deli plates and soda will also be available.

Airmen of all skill levels are welcome to play in the tournament but should sign-up with either their dorm president or

Captain Jones at 228-2649 to participate.



Sports Shorts

Roadrunner Little League

The D-M Youth Center will hold baseball registrations for the 2005 Roadrunner Little League baseball season Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. Birth certificates and annual physical cards are required. Registration costs are \$30 for ages 5 to 8 years and \$50 for ages 9 to 15 years. The cost for ages 9 to 15 years who are non-youth center members is \$55. March 5 and 12 from 9 a.m. to noon, the center will host baseball skill evaluations for ages 7 to 8 years and 9 to 12 years at the baseball fields behind the 12th Air Force headquarters. A registration table will be available during skill evaluations. After this date, registrations will only be taken to fill teams. Baseball practices begin the week of March 21 and baseball opening ceremonies are scheduled for April 9. March 29 and 30 from 6 to 7 p.m. there will be a mandatory parent meeting. At least one parent should attend one of these meetings. Highly motivated volunteers are needed to fill positions of Little League baseball managers, coaches and umpires. All coaches training is provided through the

National Youth Sport Coaches Association.

Umpires are trained by Little League certified umpire staff. The success of every youth sport is based on its volunteer staff. For more information call 228-8844 or 228-8365.

Swim club

The 100- and 200-mile swim club program at the Indoor Fitness Pool has expanded for 2005. The pool will be adding 300 and 500-mile clubs to the mileage program. Swimmers in the 200-mile club are enrolled automatically and there is no time limit for the program. T-shirts are awarded to participants who complete each milestone.

Sports, school physicals

Sports and school physicals begin Tuesday at the Davis-Monthan clinic. These physicals are good for the 2005 to 2006 Tucson Unified School District school year. There are a limited number of appointments available Monday through Friday and a few Saturdays available this summer. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 228-2778.

Fitness Center Classes

The following list includes classes offered at both fitness centers with class fees if applicable. For more information, call 228-0021.

Monday

6 to 6:30 a.m. - Stomach Aerobics - Fitness Center
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - FC
11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
Noon to 1 p.m. - Spinning - Haeffner
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, white and yellow belts) - FC
6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, orange belts and up) - FC
6 to 7 p.m. - Yoga - \$2 - Haeffner
7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (15 years plus) - FC

Tuesday

Noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit Training - Haeffner
Noon to 1 p.m. - Shallow Water Aerobics - \$1.50 or \$25 for 20 classes - Outdoor Recreational Pool
5 to 6 p.m. - Spinning (Intense) - \$2 - Haeffner
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - FC
6 to 7 p.m. - Pilates - \$2 - FC
6 to 7 p.m. - Tae Kwon Do, ages 5 to 17 - \$30 - Haeffner
6 to 8 p.m. - Self Defense (Kyokushin) - \$25/month - FC

Wednesday

6 to 6:30 a.m. - Stomach Aerobics - Haeffner
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - FC
11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
Noon to 1 p.m. - Deep Water Aerobics - \$1.50 or \$25 for 20 classes - Outdoor Recreational Pool
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, orange belts and up) - FC
6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, white and yellow belts) FC
6 to 7 p.m. - Yoga - \$2 - Haeffner
7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (Adults) - FC

Thursday

Noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit Training - Haeffner
Noon to 1 p.m. - Shallow Water Aerobics - \$1.50 or \$25 for 20 classes - Outdoor Recreational Pool
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - FC
5 to 6 p.m. - Spinning (Intense) - Haeffner
6 to 7 p.m. - Pilates - \$2 - Haeffner
6 to 7 p.m. - Tae Kwon Do, ages 5 to 17 - \$30 - Haeffner
6 to 8 p.m. - Kyokushin - \$25/month - FC

Friday

6 to 6:30 a.m. - Stomach Aerobics - FC
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - FC
11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner
Noon to 1 p.m. - Deep Water Aerobics - \$1.50 or \$25 for 20 classes - Outdoor Recreational Pool
Noon to 1 p.m. - Spinning - Haeffner
5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8 to 14 yrs, white and yellow belt) - FC
6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8 to 14 yrs, orange belts and up) FC
7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (Adults) - FC

Saturday

10 to 11 a.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - FC

Sunday

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - FC

Fitness and Sports Center Pool

The indoor pool is open Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 228-0015.

Outdoor Recreational Pool

The outdoor pool will be closed until May 1.

Sports Shorts

Guard Start

The Indoor Fitness Pool will start a program called Guard Start this summer. The program is for youth ages 11 to 14 years who are too young to get a Lifeguard License but who are interested in learning lifeguard basics. Each participant will receive Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation/Automated External Defibrillator and First Aid certification. At the end of the program youth will be allowed to volunteer with the Outdoor Recreational Pool Staff and assist with lessons, recreational swimming and more. For more information, call Amy Dent at 228-0015.

Outdoor recreation trips

The following are a variety of trips this spring offered by ODR for the Davis-Monthan community. For more information on any of these events, call ODR at 228-3736.

Verde River Kayak

The D-M community is invited to run the rapids of the Verde River from Camp Verde to Beasley Flats March 26. Participants must be at

least 12 years old. The cost of \$150 includes equipment, wet suits, lunch, transportation and trip leaders. Those interested should sign up by today.

Bog Springs Hike

Madera Canyon is located near Green Valley in the Santa Rita Mountains. The Bog Springs Hike is set for March 13 and is about six miles with an elevation gain of 1,760 feet. Dress for the weather and bring water, snacks and lunch. The cost of \$15 includes transportation, park fees and guide. Participants should sign up no later than Thursday.

Patagonia Lake Fishing Trip

April 2 there is fishing trip to Patagonia Lake. The cost of \$20 includes transportation, fishing rods and tackle. Fishing licenses are required. Live bait is not included. Participants should bring drinks, snacks and lunch and need to sign up no later than March 30.

Romero Pools Hike

This trip is April 9 and includes a 5.7 mile hike into the Catalina mountains. Once at the pools, hikers can relax and enjoy a dip. The cost of \$15 includes transportation and guide. Participants should dress for

the weather, bring plenty of water, food and sunscreen and should sign up by April 6.

Salt River Rafting

Raft through six Class 3 rapids and five Class 2 rapids April 10. No experience needed, instruction provided. Participants must be 12 years old. The cost of \$140 includes transportation, wet suits, rafting cost and lunch. Those interested should sign up by March 9.

Moab Rafting

The D-M community can enjoy three days of rafting and camping and learn the fundamentals of rafting including knot tying, basic water rescue, oar work and much more May 12 through 15. The cost of \$375 includes all gear, transportation, food and experienced guides. The deadline to sign up is April 8, but those interested should sign up as soon as possible as space is limited.

Cochise Stronghold Hike

Cochise Stronghold is located in Arizona's Dragoon Mountains. This 6 mile hike May 28 will take hikers through woodland areas. The cost of \$15 includes transportation and a guide. Those interested should sign up no later than May 26.

Basketball

Monday/Wednesday under 30

Team	W-L-T
355 AMXS 1	10-0-0
755 AMXS	8-2-0
ANG	7-2-0
CES	6-4-0
563 MXS 1	4-6-0
EMS	3-7-0
755 OSS	2-7-0
ARMY	2-8-0
41 ECS	1-7-0

Tuesday/Thursday under 30

Team	W-L-T
SFS	8-2-0
CMS	8-2-0
LRS	7-3-0
SVS	6-3-0
355 OSS	4-4-0
355 AMXS 2	4-5-0
Med Gp	4-6-0
DECA	3-5-0
CS	2-7-0
563 MXS 2	0-9-0

Over 30 teams

The over 30 intramural basketball teams have started the playoff portion of their season. Winners will be posted in next week's Desert Airman. *(Editor's Note: Information and scores current as of Tuesday)*

Chapel Information

Services and activities offered by the D-M chapel are listed below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services; Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible studies; youth groups; and ministries, call 228-5411.

Catholic Mass schedule

Saturday: First Saturday Mass is the first Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. in Hope Chapel. The Mass is followed by a breakfast fellowship. For more information, call Jeff Morgan at 574-2567.

Mass is at 5 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 4:30 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Sunday: Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 9:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Daily: Mass is at 11:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Rosary begins at 11:10 a.m. at Desert Dove.

Protestant Services schedule

Sunday: Contemporary Service is at 9:45 a.m. and Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Traditional Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Education Services

College planning center

The Air Force Library and Information System along with Petersons.Com has established an Air Force College Planning Center. This is an online Resource center for test preparation, college search, financial aid and career planning. To access the Web site visit www.petersons.com/cpc/default.asp?sponsor=3893.

Troy University

Students can now register online for Term 4 at Troy University. Onsite registration is Monday through March 11. Those who want to begin their master's degree in Term 4 need to apply by Tuesday. For more information, call 748-2625.

Pima Community College

Students can now register for Spring Term II at PCC. Class schedules are available in the Pima office in Building 3200, Room 224. The class SPE110 Public Speaking has been added at Building 4821 and meets Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 206-4866.

Elementary Arabic Class

Pima Community College will offer an Elementary Arabic class Monday, Wednesday and Friday in Building 3200, Room 11 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. The class will run from March 9 through May 10. Students can sign up via the Pima Web site or they can visit the Pima Office in Building 3200. The course counts for Community College of the Air Force credit.

DANTES Testing Center

D-M's military Defense Activity for Nontraditional Education Support Testing Center will change its schedule March 7. The new schedule includes academic testing Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m., Course 12 Wednesday at 10 and 11:15 a.m. and Career Development Courses

Monday at 10 a.m. and Wednesday at 1 p.m. For more information, call Phil King at 228-3812.

Family Support Center

Pre-separation Counseling

This mandatory class for departing Airmen will take place at the D-M Family Support Center Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. and March 8 from 9 to 10 a.m. and will acquaint Airmen with services and agencies available to help them transition to the civilian workforce. The class size is limited to 20 attendees and should be scheduled no later than 90 days before separating. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Smooth Move

There is a Smooth Move briefing Wednesday from 8 to 11:30 a.m. in Building 3200, Room 266. This briefing helps Airmen prepare for their next permanent change of station. For reservations, call 228-5690.

Right Start Base Orientation

This program is designed to welcome all newcomers to Davis-Monthan and the Tucson area. Leadership and base agencies discuss a variety of programs and services available. The next orientation is March 8 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. Free childcare is available but must be arranged ahead of time. For more information, call 228-5690.

Resume, Interview workshops

These workshops are March 9 in Building 3200, Room 266 and cover the basic information to help individuals prepare for their next job. The Resume Workshop will be from 9 to 11 a.m. and the Interview Workshop will be from noon to 2 p.m. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Sponsorship Training

To learn how to make a great first impression for new members assigned to base, attend the

Sponsorship Class March 9 from 8 to 9 a.m. in Building 3200, Room 266. This class is required for sponsors and offers useful resources and information. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Happenings

Home Buying Workshop

The Housing Management Office will sponsor a Home Buying Workshop Thursday from 8 to 11 a.m. at the community center. Professionals will discuss mortgage products, closing scenarios, current housing market conditions and more. For reservations, contact Tina West at 228-5548 or e-mail to sally.west@dm.af.mil.

TRICARE For Life Seminars

TRICARE will host briefings March 9 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Desert Lightning Community Center for their beneficiaries, ages 65 and above, who have questions or require more information regarding TRICARE For Life. For more information, call Barbara West at 228-2634.

Women's History Month

March is a month set aside by Presidential Proclamation to celebrate Women's History Month. Since 1968, the Department of Defense has proudly supported special observances through the development of local programs of recognition and many diverse activities. This year's theme is "Women Change America." With March just around the corner, the Women's History Month committee is seeking volunteers, male or female, to help plan and organize the month's celebration. Those who are interested or want to get involved, can contact Staff Sgt. Tracey Murray at 228-9719.

D-M Thrift Shop

The D-M Thrift Shop, located across the street from the bowling alley, is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with consignments closing at 1 p.m.

Movies

Admission is for Department of Defense ID card holders and their guests only. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12 and senior citizens. For the theater movie recording, call 228-5694.



Today and Sunday at 7 p.m.

Racing Stripes, PG - This family film is about a zebra named Stripes. On a Kentucky farm, Stripes receives help from a human and several barnyard friends to realize his ultimate dream of becoming a top racehorse. A variety of famous voice actors play the roles of the various animals including Dustin Hoffman as a Shetland pony, Whoopi Goldberg as a goat, Joe Pantoliano as a pelican and Frankie Muniz as the zebra. 1 hour, 24 minutes

Saturday at 7 p.m.

Elektra, R — Jennifer Garner returns in this spinoff of the movie *Daredevil*. Garner stars as Elektra Natchios. After the events of *Daredevil*, Elektra is revived by the Order of the Hand, a group of assassins who trained her. Their current leader, Kirigi, assigns Elektra to kill a man and his 13-year-old daughter. Instead, Elektra befriends them, an action that puts her on a collision course with four of the Order's deadliest killers. 1 hour, 37 minutes



Services Activities

Information for the Services Activities section courtesy of Chris Sweeney, 355th Services Squadron. For questions regarding this information, contact Mr. Sweeney at 228-7352 or send an e-mail to chris.sweeney@dm.af.mil.

Community Center closures

Stormy's Cafe in the Desert Lightning Community Center will be closed March 14 through 18 for renovations. The Desert Lightning Community Center will be closed March 18 through 20 for floor and carpet cleaning. For more information, call 228-3717.

Computer classes

The Desert Lightning Community Center is offering two computer classes in March. Certified Microsoft instructors will teach students how to select a computer and components, manage user accounts, customize hardware and software, manage files and drives and interact with technical support. Classes will be held in the Community Center, Building 4201, March 7 from 8 to 10 a.m. and March 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$35 per student. Students must be at least 16 years old to participate and should sign up no later than Wednesday. Class size is limited to a total of nine students so those interested are encouraged to sign up early. For more information, call 228-3717.

Graphic Design Shop

For those who are looking for something different for a going away gift, stop by the

graphic shop in the D-M Arts and Crafts Center. The full service shop is there to provide for the base community's entire award, gift giving and presentation needs. They design brochures, flyers and invitations as well as personalized business cards. They also offer laser engraving and sandblasting on a wide variety of items, such as beer and coffee mugs, pen sets, desk wedges, decanters, wine glasses and many other items. For more information, call 228-4385.

Family Child Care

Davis-Monthan residents can start their own child care business by becoming a certified Family Child Care provider at home. Providers care for children of all ages; however, right now there is a special need for more infant and toddler FCC providers. There is little or no cost involved to get started and providers receive all of the guidance, support, training and information needed to be successful. A FCC home has no more than six children under the age of 8 years at one time, including the provider's own children. For more information, visit the FCC office, located in Kachina Village in Building 700, or call 228-2201.

D-M Auto Skills Center

The D-M Auto Skills Center is offering base personnel several deals during the month of March. From oil changes to major overhauls, the auto skills center is the place to go. State-of-the-art automotive equipment is available on a self-help or technician-assisted basis. In addition to the drive-in bays with their hydraulic lifts,

patrons can paint their cars, rebuild their engines and do many other auto repairs and preventive maintenance routines. For more information about any of the above specials, visit the D-M Auto Skills Center in Building 4531 or call 228-3614.

Automotive Paint Class

Certified paint specialists will teach students how to prep a car for paint and put on the finished coats March 5 at 9 a.m. The cost is \$15 per person at the time of sign-up. Advance fees are non-refundable. Maximum class size is 15 students.

Auto Skills Overnighter

The center will be open for 36 hours straight March 18 from 8:30 a.m. until March 19 at 9 p.m. This will provide shift personnel and personnel with large jobs that cannot be completed in a couple of hours the opportunity to work on their vehicles for an extended period of time. The center will provide pizza March 18 at 7 and 9 p.m.

Managers March Automotive Special

Patrons can get an oil change in March including up to five quarts of oil and a new filter for \$18.75. Or they can choose to get up to five quarts of synthetic oil and a new extended life oil filter for \$29.95. In addition to changing the oil and filter, the services includes checking tires, belts and all fluids. This special is for cars and lights trucks.

A conversions service is available for first time synthetic oil users. Service includes purging old engine oil and adding new synthetic oil and an extended life filter for \$45. This service is available by appointment only.

PHONE NUMBERS

Sherry Jones Manager/Caterer 228-3100
Robert Johnson Chef 228-3100
MAIN OFFICE: 745-0600 or 228-3301
BARBER SHOP: 745-8068

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Sherry Jones Club Manager 228-3100
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We're open!

During renovations at the Mirage, the Poly Bar will be open every Thursday and Friday for your enjoyment!

Party in the Poly Bar!

Thursdays & Fridays - Open from 4pm to close. Enjoy Social Hour with your friends from 5 to 7pm.

Friday - Social Hour food and Karaoke with Desi! Members only.

Desert Oasis

Thursday Mug Night!
Drink Specials All Night
Mug Night - 6-10pm
Bring your own mug and receive your choice of domestic draft beer or soda (up to 32 oz) for \$1.75!
Don't have a Mug? Come in and inquire how to get an custom engraved mug!

Cabanas

Cabanas Special every Sunday
Two 12" one topping pizzas with two 16oz sodas for \$13.90

LUNCH SPECIAL
from 10:30am-1:30pm
Cabanas March
Lunch Time Special
6" Outrigger #1 Sandwich with Fries or Tossed Salad and Soda \$4.50

T.G.I.F. Open until 2am every Friday!

Feb 25 - T.G.I.F. Social Hour, draft beer, & drink specials from 5-7pm & food from 5-6pm. DJ Dave and DJ Insayne Payne play the latest hits from 6pm-2am!

Surf and Turf Dinner! 5:30-7:30pm (New York Strip & Shrimp Scampi) for \$21.95! Includes glass of wine with dinner (all mbrs \$2 discount + SVS Buck)

Feb 27 - Champagne Brunch, 10am-1pm, enjoy your favorite breakfast/lunch dishes

Mar 2 - Wild About Wednesdays!
Everyone welcome! Drink specials and food from 5-7pm. Applications available!

Mar 3 - Mug Night from 6-10pm. Doors open at 3pm. Drink specials all night!

Mar 15 - Dollar Days Lunch, 11am-1pm

Now through July the Desert Oasis will host the weekday lunch specials while the Officers' Club undergoes renovation

\$7.85 WEEKDAY LUNCH SPECIALS!

from 1100-1300 (members receive a \$2.00 discount) 1100-1300

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CLOSED	Chef's Choice	BBQ Buffet	Fabulous Pasta Station & Meat	Catfish Buffet & Meat

Specials for members under 21
All non-alcoholic beverages are 1/2 price all the time!

With the club's D-M "Z" Membership Program, any member under 21 who maintains their D-M membership can receive up to \$300 in credit toward their 21st birthday party at the club! Maintain 3 mos: \$75, 6 mos: \$150, 1-Yr plus: \$300 toward your party!

Ask your club manager today about using your D-M "Z" credit!

